

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Military Information from Letzling Heath

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1. The barracks installation under construction in the area south of Boergitz, at the Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53) troop training grounds was nearing completion in the middle of August 1951. It was already guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets, but there were no troops quartered there. The guards were transported by truck [redacted] It was expected that troops would move into the installation in early September.

2. Intensive training activity, including day and night artillery firing practice was observed at the troop training grounds from 10 to 15 August. Source was prevented from entering the training area by Soviet sentries posted at Brunkau, 2.5 km west of Luederitz. *

3. A convoy of five trucks [redacted] was seen west of Nahrstedt on 10 August, driving toward Uchtsprunge. Vehicles [redacted] at Staats on 11 August included jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] Trucks [redacted] were [redacted] in Doebe- lin on 14 August. Vehicles [redacted] passed through Doebelein between 10 and 15 August.

4. An engineer convoy of four large amphibious vehicles, and trucks was seen heading west, east of Uchtsprunge, on 15 August.

* [redacted] Comment. Another source reported the barracks installation south of the line from Boergitz to Uchtsprunge to have still been under construction at the end of July 1951.

** [redacted] Comment. The information refers only to the northern portion of Letzling Heath.

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